

FIXING THE RANK OF THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL OF THE
ARMY.

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Mr. HULL, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the
following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 10683.]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 10683) fixing the rank of the Adjutant-General of the Army, report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

The Adjutant-General of the Army is a position requiring the highest order of military ability. He must be skilled in all the branches of the service, being the immediate advisor of the Secretary of War, and in our country, which in times of war requires the organization and equipment of large levies of volunteers utterly unskilled as soldiers, his duties and responsibilities are such that your committee feel that the rank of major-general is none too high.

In Austria the rank of adjutant-general or chief of staff is field marshal; in Belgium, major-general; in England, major-general; in France, major-general; in Spain, major-general; in Germany, general; in Holland, lieutenant or major general; in Italy, general or lieutenant-general; in Japan, marshal; in Russia, field marshal.